



The Art of Community: Building an Arts and Culture Support Network for Newcomers

Friday, March 28, 2008 – 8:30am-5pm – Dept. of Agriculture Conf. Rooms 1 & 2 - 2270 Old Penitentiary Rd – Boise

Boise, in Idaho's Treasure Valley, is the new home to over 10,000 refugees and immigrants from all over the world. The Treasure Valley also has a large, vibrant and diverse art community and a strong network of social service agencies. Imagine the power of these groups working together. You are invited to a workshop that will explore merging the arts with social services to better serve these newcomer communities and to enliven our community at large.

Who should attend?

Refugee and immigrant artists, local artists of all media, cultural and community-based organizations, local art organizations, refugee and immigrant service providers, social service organizations that serve newcomers, teachers, librarians, gallery owners, and anyone who is concerned with the well-being of newcomer communities.

Workshop Format

The day-long workshop will present both national and local models of successful arts and social service collaborations which serve the focus communities. Participants will also hear from newcomer artists who will perform, demonstrate craft-making and talk about the importance of maintaining their cultural traditions in their new homeland. Drawing on personal experience and ideas generated by the presentations, participants will work together to explore possibilities for collaboration and to establish a local network through which resources can be shared, communication can be maintained, and future projects developed. Space will be made available for participants to share information about their art forms or programs with each other.



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**To register: phone, fax, or mail your information to the Idaho Commission on the Arts,
C/O Toni Oravez - PO Box 83720 – Boise, ID 83720-0008 – 208/334-2119 or 800/278-3863, ext. 102**

Registration form also available online at www.arts.idaho.gov/special/artofcommunity.aspx

Name _____

Organization or Affiliation _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

\$30 per person (March 3-18) or \$40 (as of March 19) Fee covers refreshments, lunch, and training materials.

Please circle your meal choice: Vegetarian - Non vegetarian

Languages spoken: _____ Do you need an interpreter? YES NO

Scholarships for newcomer artists are available.

For details, contact Maria Carmen Gambliel at 208/334-2119, ext. 111 or e-mail info@arts.idaho.gov

